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Dear Sir:

In response the Office Action mailed July 9, 2001, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

IMS:
Please replace claim 1 with the following new claim 1 (APPENDIX 1): **(1)** 

(once amended) A wafer conveyance system, comprising: 1. a plurality of wafer processing apparatuses each having an insertion portion; a guide path defined along said plurality of wafer processing apparatuses;

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